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VANTAGE POINT



In the opening chapter of John Piper's book on missions, *Let the Nations Be Glad!*, Piper argues, "Missions exists because worship doesn't." Piper goes on to say, "Worship, therefore, is the fuel and goal of missions. It's the goal of missions because in missions we simply aim to bring the nations into white-hot enjoyment of God's glory." What a glorious calling for every follower of Christ to be on mission wherever God has placed us and in whatever vocation He has called us to serve and lead so that others might know and enjoy God's glory.

Abraham Kuyper, founder of the Free University of Amsterdam in 1880 and Prime Minister of the Netherlands from 1901–1905, remarked in his inaugural address at the founding of the university, "There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry: 'Mine!'" At Cedarville University, we are committed to training students with a biblical worldview who

are equipped and prepared to transform the world for Christ wherever God has placed them and in whatever vocation He has called them to serve.

Today, there are tens of thousands of Cedarville University alumni who are serving and leading around the world in every sphere of society, from healthcare to finance, from the pulpit to the halls of justice, from social work to the legislature, from the classroom to the boardroom, and everywhere in between — each on mission to know Christ and make Him known. As followers of Christ, let us be about the glorious work of making much of Christ in whatever sphere God has placed us, so that all the world might know Christ and make Him known and "Let the nations be glad and sing for joy" (Ps. 67:4).

For His Glory and our exceeding joy,

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NEWS

Michael Crampton '68 retired as adjunct faculty at Indiana University–Purdue University Fort Wayne. He received a doctorate from the University of South Dakota in counseling in 1990. Nancy, his wife of 33 years, went home to be with the Lord on March 22, 2018. She was a retired school superintendent with an earned doctorate in educational administration from the University of South Dakota.

1 A group of Cedarville alumni recently met up at Western Kentucky University (WKU) in Bowling Green, Kentucky. From left to right: **Fred Stickle '69**, WKU Professor of Counseling and Student Affairs; **Shannah Gardiner '16**, WKU graduate student in counseling and Army ROTC cadet; **Beth (Maxie) Dillon '99**, WKU Army ROTC Advisor/Program Coordinator; and **Brandon Smith '07**, WKU Army ROTC Recruiting Operations Officer.



Mark Morley '82 is the Human Resources Director for Dr. James Dobson's Family Talk in Colorado Springs, a ministry of the James Dobson Family Institute.

Carolyn (Fay) Martin '91 has been teaching in a state prison for 18 years and invented and marketed a math game of strategy, skill, and chance. Tested on 100-plus people, RIVAL 5 changed the mindset of math-averse children and adults. RIVAL 5 has earned eight awards from toy-testing companies and won third place in the Ben Franklin Big Idea contest.

2 **Joe Slavens '94** successfully defended his Ph.D. in higher education dissertation on April 16, 2018. His dissertation is titled, "Australian Tales of Racial Justice Engagement in Higher Education." **Lisa (Davidson) McGrady '89**, Dean of Teaching and Learning at Olivet Nazarene University, served as Joe's outside dissertation committee member.



3 **Dan Scott '99** is the Director of Kids and Preteen Curriculum at Orange. He travels the world speaking and training on how to reach the next generation. Dan's first book was released in April: *Caught In Between: Engage Your Preteens Before They Check Out*. It remains a best-seller on Amazon.com. Dan and **Jenna (Hoffman) '99** live outside of Atlanta with their kids Liam, Ellison, Addison, and Taye.

4 **Emily (Jarvis) Elias '11** recently graduated with a Master of Arts in political science degree from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. Her final project focused on political parties and the Movimiento Regeneración Nacional (Morena) of Mexico.



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BIRTHS

5 Erin (Lee) Medley '01 and her husband, Joel, announce the birth of Dawson Hunter on July 2, 2018. He was welcomed home by big brothers Brandt (10) and Braxton (4) and big sister Campbell (8). The family currently lives in Willow Spring, North Carolina.



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6 Danny Dieringer '03, and his wife, Jamesha, welcomed Addison Quinn (“Addie Quinn”) into the world on April 25, 2018. She came in at 8 pounds, 14 ounces and 21 1/4 inches long, with a full head of hair. Thankfully, she looks most like her lovely mother.



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7 Jason Forni '03 and his wife, Micah, announce the adoption of Maeze Hui on May 22, 2018. Her siblings are Alina and Ethan.

8 Erica (Johnson) Kurcsak '04 and her husband, Nathan, praise God for His goodness in the birth of Annelise Hope on September 29, 2017. She was welcomed home by big sisters Arabelle and Eliza and big brother Samuel.

9 Dan '05 and Alana (Merritt) Rasbach '05 welcomed their third son, Willem Piper, in November 2016. They live in Nashville, Tennessee, where Dan is working as a nurse practitioner and has started seminary classes with Reformed Theological Seminary. Alana homeschools their boys and enjoys photography on the side.



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10 Kimberly (Elliott) Chan '09 and her husband, Andy, announce the birth of Emily Lois on August 4, 2017.

11 Alex '10 and Aubrey (Womack) Carlson '10 welcomed their first child, Kennedy Ruth, on December 11, 2017. The family resides in Des Moines, Iowa.



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12 AJ '07 and Alison (Kearney) Clemans '10 announce the birth of Taylor Mae on August 16, 2018. She was welcomed home by siblings Kara (5), Andrew (3), and Kate (1). AJ and Alison operate a Chick-fil-A in Falls Church, Virginia.

MARRIAGES

13 Emily Snyder '04 and Dave Culbertson were married on April 28, 2018, in Vestal, New York. Dave owns National Pipe & Plastics in Vestal, New York, and is passionate about living out his faith in the workplace. Emily continues serving as a workplace missionary in a self-employed capacity. They reside in Vestal.



IN MEMORIAM

We extend our condolences to the families and friends of these dear loved ones.

Thomas Duff '68 of Madison, Georgia, passed away on June 30, 2017.

Jerry Randall "Randy" Neff '79 of Dayton, Ohio, passed away on May 25, 2018.

Donald Rawlins '83 of Mason, Ohio, passed away on June 7, 2018.

Brian Bates '92 of Valrico, Florida, passed away on June 17, 2018.

Chuck Ware '97 of Morrow, Ohio, passed away on April 28, 2018.

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- **Business Administration**
(two faculty openings)
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ALUMNI EVENTS



Portland Young Alumni Dinner - July 11, 2018



CU in Manheim - July 14, 2018



CU in Columbus - August 12, 2018



CU in Canton - August 13, 2018



CU in Cleveland - August 13, 2018



CU in Atlanta - October 20, 2018

HOMECOMING AND PARENTS WEEKEND 2018

We had a great turnout for Homecoming and Parents Weekend. Nearly 1,800 came back to campus during a beautiful fall weekend, October 5–6, including alumni and their families and parents and families of current students. Guests enjoyed many familiar traditions — Cardboard Canoe Race, Homecoming Chapel, and the Saturday morning parade — as well as some brand-new events that became highlights of the weekend — the All-Alumni Luncheon and worship finale on Saturday evening. You can experience the incredible worship finale, *The Light*, from home at cedarville.edu/TheLight.





ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS

Our Alumni Award winners were honored at the Legacy Banquet on Friday night of homecoming weekend.

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR



Wesley '84 and **Dawn (Staley) Polsdorfer '84** were honored as Alumni of the Year for their many faithful years of giving both their time and resources to Cedarville University and the Lord's work.

ONE ANOTHER MINDSET AWARD



Tim Ware '98 was honored for his tireless championing of high-quality education, community empowerment, and social innovation.

DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR



Lynn Brock '68 was honored for his 50 years of faithful service and impact as an educator at Cedarville University.

YOUNG ALUMNA OF THE YEAR



Kristen (Craig) Zeigler '14 was honored for being a light for Christ in the workplace and an advocate for her alma mater, talking about Cedarville every chance she gets and encouraging students with her story.

HONORARY ALUMNI OF THE YEAR



Roger and Charlotte Kuriger are being honored posthumously for their lifetime of faithful support of Cedarville University.